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Responsive to an Advisory Action dated May 26, 2005

REMARKS

Prior to the present Office Action, claims 1-24 were pending, with claims 8 and 19 being withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 2-3, 7, 12-19 and 24 have been canceled, and claims 25-28 added. Therefore, claims 1, 4-6, 8-11, 20-23, and 25-28 remain

5   pending.

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Novosad for a courteous and productive telephonic interview on May 19, 2005, and again on June 8, 2005. During both interviews, the differences between claim 20 (as amended) were discussed.

In the previous amendment dated May 19, 2005, the various rejections were discussed and

10   certain changes made to the claims. The resulting Advisory Action and interview on June 8 have narrowed the issues to the wording of claim 20. In the interest of brevity, the present amendment omits the remarks addressing the section 112 and section 103 rejections, as such arguments may be found with reference to the previous amendment. Instead, this amendment supplements the previous amendment by canceling claims 12-19 and modifying the wording of claim 20. The

15   other claim changes made in the previous amendment are repeated here because the previous amendment was not entered.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of claims 3 and 9, and these have been converted into independent claims 1 and 25, respectively.

20   Discussion of Claim 20

Claim 20 now specifies that there is an array of at least three parallel support members mounted to the portable mounting base, and wherein a slot is formed between each two *adjacent* support members for receiving a skateboard (e.g., see the series of support members 92 in Fig. 5), *such that there is always one less slot than the number of support members*. Support can be

25   found in the paragraph on page 9 describing Fig. 5, and with reference to Fig. 5. Figs. 4 and 6 also show arrays of support members in series where there is always one less slot than the number of support members (i.e., a ratio of $(n+1){:}n$ support members to slots), and support can be found in the paragraphs describing those figures (see, for example, the explicit description of 7 support

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